Matching funds form States

3370. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether many projects have been held up due to non-receipt of matching funds from States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, especially in respect of Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) The funds to various cost sharing projects agreed with State Governments are being provided by the State Governments from time to time. The delay in release of funds affects the progress of project. No such ongoing project is held up on this account in Tamil Nadu.

Vacancies under North-East Frontier Railway

3371. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies under North-East Frontier Railway (NFR) jurisdiction as on Ist November, 2009, category-wise;

(b) whether Government is going to fill up these vacant posts of NF Railway in near future;

(c) if so, the details of programme contemplated in this regard; and

(d) whether official language of the State would be considered as medium of test/interview?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) The number of vacancies on Northeast Frontier Railway as on 31.03. 09, is 82 for Group (A+B) and 8875 for Group (C+D).

(b) and (c) Filling of vacant posts is a continuous process and the policy of the railway administration is to fill up all available vacant posts promptly as per laid down procedure.

(d) As per revised instructions, the question papers for recruitment examination would be set in Hindi, Urdu, English and the local language listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India falling within the jurisdiction of that Railway Recruitment Board (RRB). As regards interviews, for whichever posts it is prescribed, the medium is Hindi and English only.

Modernization of railway stations

3372. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the plans of her Ministry to modernize Amritsar, Chandigarh, Ludhiana and Jalandhar railway stations before Commonwealth Games;